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FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE -- DR. JOHN LYMAN OF WESTERN CON-

NECTICUT UNIVERSITY CONTACTED THE POST TO SOLICIT ASSISTANCE

II. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

SERIES INAUGURAL -- THE UNAUGURAL SESSION OF THE POST'S FIVE-PART MONTHLY SERIES "INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE" (THEME #1) WAS HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 AT THE MANILA PENINSULA HOTEL. THE SIZE AND QUALITY OF THE AUDIENCE EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS--APPROXIMATELY 90 PEOPLE ATTENDED (THE MAJORITY ARS-1 MEMBERS), INCLUDING MIDDLE AND UPPER LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PRESIDENTS, VICE-PRESIDENTS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS FROM 16 PRIVATE FIRMS, DEANS, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN, AND PROFESSORS FROM FOUR LEADING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS. INTERNATIONAL TRADE WAS THE THEME FOR THIS INITIAL PROGRAM, AND THE FEATURED AMERICAN SPEAKER WAS AMSPEC DR. TRACY MURRAY, NYU ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, WHO DISCUSSED "NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS." ALSO FEATURED WAS PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE UNDERSECRETARY DR. VICENTE VALDEPENAS WHO COMMENTED ON DR. MURRAY'S REMARKS AND SPOKE ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE. BOTH SPEAKERS APPEARED TO STRIKE RESPONSIVE CHORDS WITH

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THE AUDIENCE, AND THE OPEN FORUM WHICH FOLLOWED WAS LIVELY AND SUBSTANTIVE. THE POST IS PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THIS INITIAL EFFORT AND IS OPTIMISTIC THAT SUCCEEDING PROGRAMS WILL BRING ABOUT A GENUINE DIALOGUE WITH KEY PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS ON ISSUES

WHICH OFTEN RECEIVE ONLY ONE-SIDED CONSIDERATION HERE.

PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM ON THE 13TH, DR. MURRAY VISITED CEBU IN MAKING CONTACTS WITH DEC AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS. LYMAN WAS IN MANILA TO SET-UP THE PHILIPPINE PORTION OF A STUDY TOUR (JOINT WESTERN CONNECTICUT AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND) WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SUMMER. THE STUDENTS WILL BE STUDYING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND COMPARATIVE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

AFTER HAVING RECEIVED SOMETHING OF RUN-AROUND FROM INITIAL CONTACTS, LYMAN (THROUGH THE CAO'S OFFICE) WAS PUT IN TOUCH WITH UNDERSECRETARY SUAREZ OF DEC WHO ANSWERED ALL OF LYMAN'S QUESTIONS AND FULFILLED ALL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.
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